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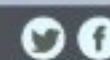
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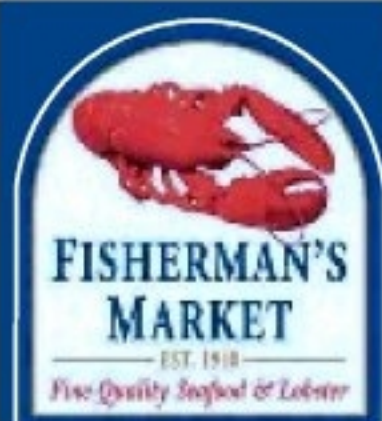
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# Love's locks removed

DARTMOUTH

## Tokens of romance on bridge taken down by city



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

The so-called "love locks" on a Dartmouth bridge have been removed in what the city calls a "routine" matter.

Earlier this week, Metro published a story on the roughly dozen small romantic symbols appearing on the Shubenacadie Canal footbridge near Martins Park.

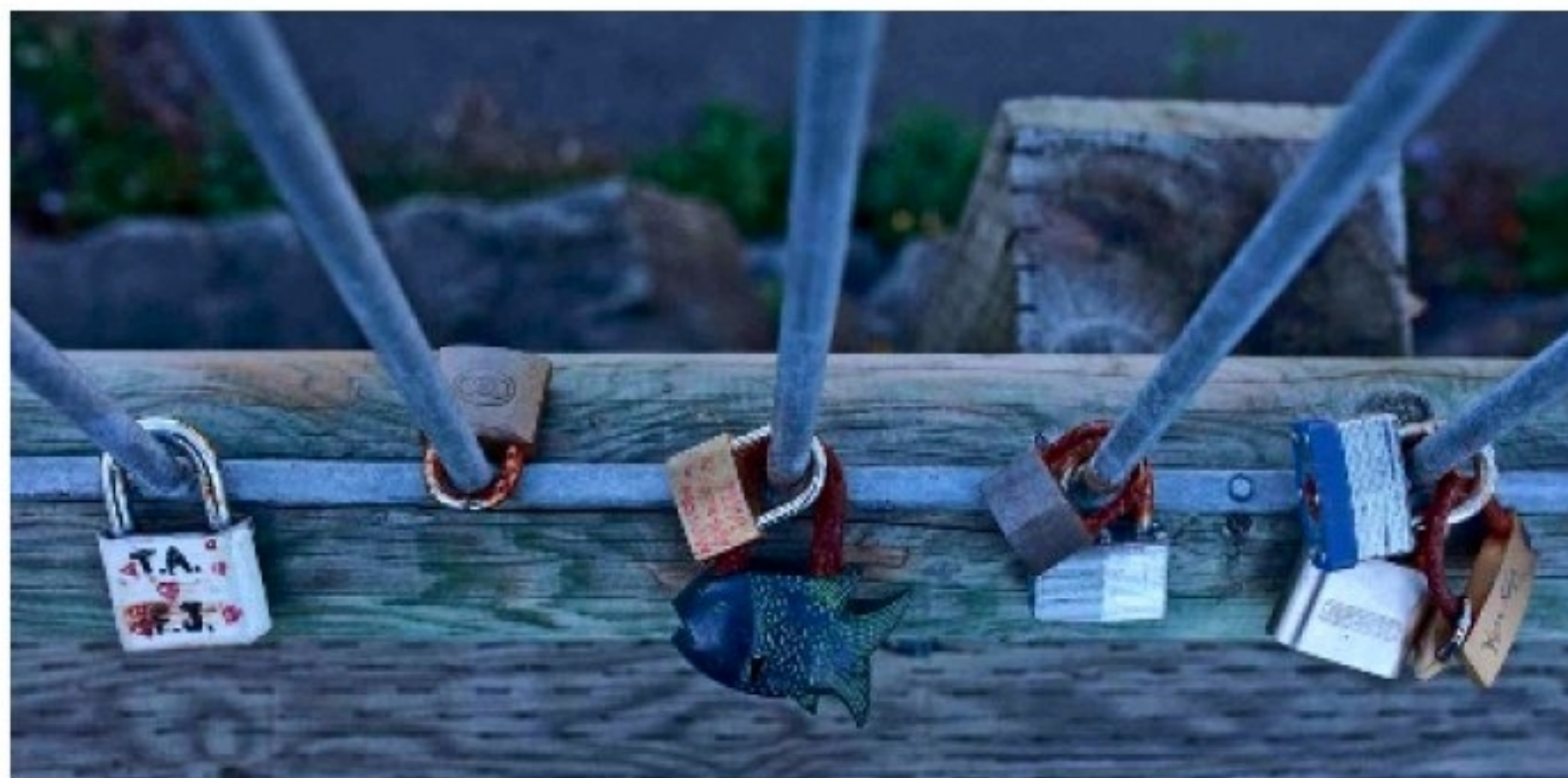
The municipality's department of Transportation and Public Works has since taken them off, citing the need to "maintain the infrastructure for the public for its intended use."

"Much like graffiti or signs that are dropped in the roadway or anything, it's really just our responsibility," Bruce Zvaniga, the department director, said in an interview Thursday.

"It was, to be honest, a relatively routine matter."

For Kate Hamilton, who helped start the local love lock initiative, there are no hard feelings. Owner of the Bodega Boutique in Dartmouth, Hamilton said locks have been getting placed there since May 2015. It was, in part, inspired by Pont des Arts in Paris.

"I used to live in France, and I love the idea of it," said Hamilton. "It was such an under-utilized bridge for so long. I was like,



More than a dozen love locks were removed from the Dartmouth bridge by HRM this week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"We need something that brings people to this canal way."

Hamilton said Zvaniga contacted her to let her know why the locks were coming down.

"It's all good, it's all good," she said.

Although the locks came down, lovers shouldn't fear. Hamilton is expecting to meet with Zvaniga in a couple weeks to discuss the possibility of a future lock art installation that will be approved by HRM.

"I love that they're willing to continue to do work with us in terms of building public art in downtown Dartmouth," said Hamilton.

"We will eventually get it up and running again. Just, we're not



Could this become the new installation? People examine an art installation of love locks in the Distillery District in Toronto last year. COLE BURSTON/THE TORONTO STAR

sure what it's going to look like."

Those who already placed their locks won't have to get new ones, since Zvaniga said they will be

looking to incorporate them into the upcoming project.

In addition, he is excited about "doing something nearby that

allows people to express that sentiment in a way that... doesn't interfere at all with the infrastructure."

TRANSPORTATION

## Ferry numbers fall short

The new operator of Nova Scotia's taxpayer-funded ferry from Yarmouth, N.S., to Portland, Maine, says more than 35,000 passengers used the service in its inaugural season, a figure well short of the provincial government's projected target of 60,000.

Despite dumping the previous operator, partly for failing to meet projected passenger numbers, provincial Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan said Thursday he believes current operator Bay Ferries has brought stability to the volatile service.

"We needed the stability on the operational side," he said. "Clearly we didn't have that with Nova Star and clearly we have that with Bay Ferries."

The just-concluded season ran from June 15 to Oct. 1 and the 35,551 passengers carried by Bay Ferries' high-speed CAT ferry was about 15,000 fewer than previous operator Nova Star Cruises carried in 2015. The 51,038 passengers carried by Nova Star was short of its goal of 80,000.

MacLellan said while there's lots of work to do to build ridership, he's confident the province is backing the right operator, given Bay Ferries' limited opportunity to promote itself in the key New England market.

"We are moving things in the right direction. The financial realities of the 2016 season and the fact Bay Ferries came in on budget, I think is a good sign."

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The Bluenose II during a recent sail in the Halifax Harbour. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Bluenose II returns 'full circle' to wooden rudder

## RECONSTRUCTION

### Costly refit just the latest chapter of ship's saga

A wooden rudder has been ordered to replace the weighty steel steering system aboard the Bluenose II, one last refit that may finally bring the saga of the ship's reconstruction to its costly conclusion.

Nova Scotia Transport Minister Geoff MacLellan said Thursday the decision has been made, with the final cost for a wooden

rudder now being worked out.

A study released in March called for a replacement of the steel steering system on the replica vessel. Experts had warned the weight of the steel rudder would change the shape of Canada's sailing ambassador and shorten its life.

The ship's reconstruction has cost \$23.8 million to date, and MacLellan says the overall project will end up coming in at around \$25 million with the latest change.

"As it (the steel rudder) was being built and constructed there were certainly people here in Nova Scotia who were in the know who were uncomfortable

with that plan," he said.

"It's come full circle. ... I'm looking forward to the day we can install this new rudder and move on."

The vessel will be about \$11 million over the NDP government's first budget when it's finally complete, if the latest Liberal government estimates prove correct.

The project has been plagued by technical problems and delays of more than four years from original target dates for completion.

Last year, the auditor general released a scathing report into the effort, saying the province tasked the wrong department to oversee the project, and failed to



This has been an issue as identified by the auditor general ... that was rushed out the door to access federal money.

Geoff MacLellan

follow basic management practices in the replica's construction.

The report said the Heritage Department didn't define the responsibilities for contractors, failed to prepare a proper budget and drafted a weak construction contract.

When the restoration was announced in 2009 by the province and Ottawa, the budget was set at \$14.4 million, half of which

was to come from a federal infrastructure fund.

Ottawa pitched in only \$4 million because the project failed to meet Ottawa's deadlines.

The auditor said as the province scrambled to meet federal deadlines, it ignored a number of red flags about the project because it was "optimistic" that things would just work out.

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## PICTOU COUNTY

### Adult shelter closes

Pictou County's only shelter for adults and the church that houses it are closing.

A release from the church stated that on Oct. 2 the board of directors and membership of The LifeCenter Church made the "difficult decision" to close space in New Glasgow.

"Declining church membership, financial pressures and the recent resignation of Pastor Keith Hazzard were contributing reasons."

Hazzard served the LifeCenter for more than 13 years. The LifeCenter, formerly known as Calvary Temple, served the Pictou County area for many decades.

The LifeCenter embarked on a program of community outreach over the last several years with the establishment of The LifeShelter program. The LifeShelter provided a seasonal emergency winter homeless shelter and a year-round community breakfast program, which provided a hot breakfast at no cost two days a week.

The shelter was opened after a homeless man started camping in front of the LifeCenter church.

The emergency winter shelter cared for approximately 30 different individuals each season for various lengths of stay. The community breakfast program served 30 to 60 people.

The closest shelter is now in Truro. TC MEDIA



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# Play 'rooted in home' seeks African Nova Scotian actors

## DRAMA

### 2b theatre company wants to uncover new talent



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

Shauntay Grant and 2b theatre company are looking for aspiring and professional African Nova Scotian actors and singers to help bring Grant's play to the stage.

"I like to think of it as a tale between two brothers who are really struggling with their personal relationship because of events that happened in the past that are sort of all coming to light now," Grant said of her play, *The Bridge*.

"But it's really about family relationships as a whole."

Grant, a writer, poet and playwright, was Halifax's poet laureate from 2009 to 2011. She brought her script to Anthony Black at 2b theatre company a few months ago.

"It features a challenge in terms of casting because it's got seven actors in it, all African Canadian, and that's a tricky thing to do here with my particular knowledge base in Nova Scotia," Black explained.

He and Grant created three professional development workshops. For the purposes of Grant's play, they're seeking performers between the ages of 20 and 65. But they

haven't limited participation based on age.

The first free workshop, called 'Seen & Heard,' took place Oct. 1 and 2.

"It was really about seeing who's out there but also creating a space for learning for professional and emerging talent," Grant explained.

Black said that workshop was well attended and allowed them to identify a number of talented performers. Even if there's not a suitable role in the play, he said they're interested in their development and getting to know them as artists.

"It's not like there's no work coming out of the African Nova Scotian community or no working theatre artists... (We're) just learning who's out there," he said.

Although the play is set in a fictional African Nova Scotian community, Grant said it's a local narrative "very much rooted in home."

Despite not being a musical, it features a strong musical component, and each character sings.

"We have hopes (*The Bridge*) will be ready and (we'll be) in a position to bring to the stage in the 2017-18 season, but seven actors is a big project and we're looking for partners to help make it happen," Black said.

The next workshop runs the week of Dec. 5 to 9. That's followed by a two-week 'The Bridge' script and staging workshop from Feb. 12 to 25.

"I think this development work is what makes the work



**We're just learning who's out there.**

Anthony Black



Halifax's former poet laureate and writer Shauntay Grant. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO FILE

grow, so what we did last weekend at the workshop and what we will do at the mini intensive (workshop) and going forward will make the play richer in the end," Grant said.

## + GET INVOLVED

**African Nova Scotian actors and singers** interested in learning more can email [info@2btheatre.com](mailto:info@2btheatre.com).



Participants from the *Seen & Heard* workshop held Oct. 1 and 2. CONTRIBUTED

## RICHMOND COUNTY

### Reveal officials' expenses: Minister

Municipal politicians and senior officials should follow a provincial model of publicly disclosing any spending on food, liquor or other expenses charged to taxpayers, says Nova Scotia's minister of municipal affairs.

Zach Churchill said Thursday that issues with the handling of public funds in Richmond County highlight the need for a more transparent system of posting expenses.

"All expenses of members of the legislature are online. They're there for people to see and assess," he said outside cabinet.

"We think that's a good model for all municipalities to take on."

Senior officials and a former warden of Richmond County have come under public scrutiny after private citizens applied for expense receipts under freedom of information legislation for liquor, food and other items and then posted them online.

The controversy prompted the chief administrative officer to announce on Wednesday he will take a leave of absence.

Warren Olsen said his decision came after the turmoil that has gripped the municipality for the last two years — and after he reflected on a draft report on municipal expenses from the provincial ombudsman.

The ombudsman's report contained criticism focused on Olsen and former warden Steve Sampson for spending tens of thousands of dollars on travel, alcohol and various other items.

Churchill said his department is going to devote specific attention to the Richmond County case, as well as considering wider reforms.

Further changes are expected in legislative amendments expected in the spring.

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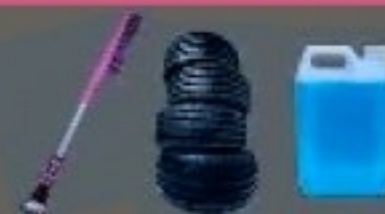
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The Dartmouth South Playground Committee aims to use nature instead of metal and plastic to create play spaces for school children. CONTRIBUTED

## Fundraising for a 'green play place'

### SCHOOLS

### Dartmouth group pushes for inclusivity, accessibility



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

A group of volunteers is pushing for a "green play place" to be part of a future school in Dartmouth.

Lena Stewart, the parent of a child who will be attending the new school, is part of the Dartmouth South Playground Committee. She sees the value in using nature to create spaces "instead of just the regular metal and plastic play structures."

"This is something that is happening across the country," Stewart said Thursday.

Construction of the building itself started in 2015, after Prince Arthur Junior High was torn down. The new school is slated to merge students from

Prince Arthur and Southdale-North Woodside Elementary.

The trouble is, there is only enough money in the budget for one play structure.

The single structure will likely be for the younger students, Stewart explained, leaving older children without a playground.

"A couple of parents got together and formed a committee — along with the school administration — and started brainstorming ideas of how we could make this better," said Stewart.

The Halifax Regional School Board recommended the committee partner with Evergreen, a Canadian organization focused on creating green spaces in cities.

Plans for the playground are now underway. A hillside slide, seating places and a wheelchair accessible look-off structure are a few things it would include.

"Inclusivity is key," Stewart said of the playground's accessibility. "Everyone being able to enjoy that space at an equal level is extremely important."

In addition to new features, there will be benefits for what

the school already has: the soccer field. One of the existing fields will remain, with trees to be planted around it.

"There will be an area for people to actually get shade and to sit while watching the soccer games," said Stewart.

However, the school is expected to open next September, and fundraising for the playground is still an issue.

"The urgency is there for us to get the funding by spring of 2017 in order to execute our plans," said Stewart.

Last week, the Playground Committee received approval to compete for \$100,000 from the Aviva Community Fund. Projects count on online votes in order to advance to the finals.

### + VOTE GREEN

Online voting for the project takes place from Oct. 11-28, and the link to vote can be found on [VoteKidsPlay.com](http://VoteKidsPlay.com).

### CRIME

## Halifax man charged with trafficking 16-year-old girl

A Halifax man is facing multiple human trafficking charges related to a 16-year-old girl.

On Aug. 8, officers with the special enforcement section of the integrated criminal investigation division began investigating a man who directed and influenced a 16-year-old girl for the purpose of prostitution.

According to a Halifax Regional Police release Thursday, officers arrested a man without incident on Wednesday at 8:35 p.m. outside a residence

in the 2300 block of Maynard Street.

Markeit Symonds, 20, of Halifax was held in custody overnight and is set to appear in Halifax provincial court Thursday.

He faces charges of:

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Trafficking a person under the age of 18

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Anyone with information on this case, or other potential human trafficking incidents, is asked to call police at 902-490-5020 or send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers.





Kids check out a variety of birds, including this Buff Orpington, during the first day of the Atlantic Agricultural Fall Fair on Thursday. It runs until Monday at the Halifax Exhibition Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# What's open, what's closed

## HOLIDAY WEEKEND

### Oval is open for family fun, bridge, banks will be closed



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

Get all your goodies for giving thanks by Sunday night, as most retail operations in HRM will be

closed on Thanksgiving Monday.

This includes grocery stores, malls and Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation outlets. Government offices and banks will also be shuttered on Monday.

Drug stores including Lawtons and Shoppers Drug Mart are open.

Call ahead to find out the operating hours for your local brewery or private liquor store.

The Emera Oval is open on Monday with free rentals of inline and roller skates, scooters, bikes, trikes, skateboards, hel-

metts and other safety equipment, available from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Due to the Macdonald Bridge weekend closure, Halifax Transit will have MacKay Bridge shuttles running for the Thanksgiving weekend beginning Friday at 6:30 p.m. and continuing until the end of service on Oct. 9.

MacKay Bridge shuttle schedules are available on HRM's website.

There will be no shuttles in effect on Thanksgiving Monday, and all routes that normally travel the Macdonald Bridge will

instead detour directly over the MacKay Bridge.

All Halifax Transit buses and ferries will operate on holiday schedules this Monday.

If your garbage, green bin and recyclables are typically collected on Monday, your scheduled collection will instead happen Saturday.

The majority of Halifax's municipally-operated recreation facilities will be closed. It's a good idea to contact your individual facility in advance to confirm operating hours.



Riders warm up at the Halifax Exhibition Centre during the first day of the Atlantic Agricultural Fall Fair. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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## THINGS TO DO IN HALIFAX THIS WEEKEND

Vinyl, haunted woods and Thanksgiving are just a few things to look forward to.

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### 1 Halifax Record Fair

Billed as the event where you can find "tonnes of vinyl under one roof," Saturday's Halifax Record Fair is a daylong celebration of vinyl culture. Find some hidden gems to add to your collection! Admission to the Halifax Forum fair is \$5. Doors open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. **Saturday**



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### 2 Haunted Hollow

The annual Haunted Hollow opens its 2016 season on Friday night, promising visitors "the most terrifying thrills yet." Demons, ghosts, ghouls and walking dead abound during this haunted woods walk. \$12 per person, cash only. Donations go to Halifax Volunteer Search and Rescue and other local charities. [www.thehauntedhollow.ca](http://www.thehauntedhollow.ca).

**Friday and Saturday**



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### 3 Menopause the Musical

Set in a department store, four women with nothing in common but a black lace bra find they are bonded by "the change." The musical menopausal parody includes classic hits from the 1960s through to the 1980s. The show runs Thursday through to Oct. 16 at the Spatz Theatre. Showtimes vary. Visit the Spatz Theatre website for more details. **All week**



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### 4 Thanksgiving 2016

Whether you celebrate on Sunday or Monday, with family, friends or alone, this weekend is a good time to sit down and enjoy some seasonal, local food. It's also an opportunity to get out and take in the fabulous fall foliage on display throughout HRM. **All weekend**

### 5 Spoken Word Saturday



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Join Halifax Slam Team members as they share their original poetry in preparation to compete at the 2016 Canadian Festival of Spoken Word in Winnipeg. Personal stories, powerful commentary and passionate delivery are promised from the team of five. The event starts at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in room 301 at the Halifax Central Library. **Saturday**

## Supreme Court won't hear killer's appeal

Christopher Alexander Falconer's request to appeal his murder conviction has been dismissed by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The highest court's judgment on Falconer's request for leave to appeal was released Oct. 6.

Falconer, a Pictou County man, is serving a life sentence for the first-degree murder of Amber Kirwan. He was convicted of the crime by a jury in January 2014.

The leave to appeal was filed in May after an unsuccessful plea with the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal. The conviction was

appealed based on the grounds that some of the evidence presented at the trial should have been argued without the jury present, as a voir dire hearing.

No explanation was given for denying to hear the appeal. According to the Supreme Court of Canada, leave to appeal is granted by the court if the case involves a question of public importance or if it raises an important issue in law.

Falconer's appeal to the Nova Scotia Supreme Court claimed the judge at the trial erred in his instructions to the jury about the admissibility of certain evidence. The Court

### + MURDER

Amber Kirwan, 19, went missing from downtown New Glasgow on Oct. 8, 2011, after a night out with friends. Her remains were found in a muddy grave near a logging road in Heathbell, Pictou County, on Nov. 5, 2011.

of Appeal found that no error occurred.

Falconer, 33, was found guilty of killing Kirwan after a 15-day trial in Pictou Supreme

Court in 2014. The trial involved a lengthy list of witnesses, text messages, cellphone data, toxicology reports and DNA evidence.

He is required to serve 25 years in prison before he can apply for parole.

Falconer was also convicted of murder when he was 15 years old, pleading guilty to second-degree murder in the death of a Pictou cab driver in 1998. He was convicted as an adult and given a life sentence with no possibility of parole for six years. He was granted full parole in May 2011.

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Christopher Alexander Falconer. TC FILE



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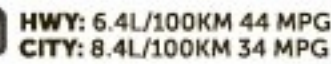
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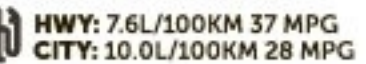
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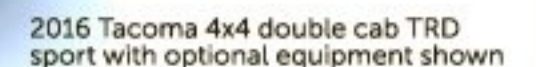


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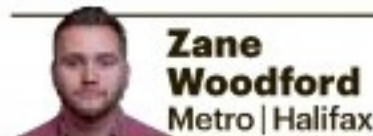




# Are we overbuilding our city?

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### Metro talks to people on both side of debate on development



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

In the eyes of people like Jill Grant, a recent Halifax regional council vote embodies everything that's wrong with development in Halifax.

Despite opposition in the community, and a recommendation from staff to keep it shorter, council voted in favour of bylaw amendments that could allow for a 29-storey building at the Willow Tree.

"In a city like Halifax, I don't think you can make an argument that we need 29-storey buildings here," says Grant, a professor at Dalhousie University's School of Planning.

"This is not New York City. It's not even Calgary."

Grant believes decisions like these represent a "loss of any sense of control" for the public.

"It doesn't always seem that council is committed to stay with what people have come to identify as what they want to see achieved," she says.

"That's a concern about consistency in policy and predictability. Right now, there isn't any. It seems that council is going for more and higher and denser regardless of what people think about their neighbourhoods or what kind of tradition we've developed in certain parts of



**Kourosh Rad, a senior planner at WSP.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

the city."

The issue of development popped up in nearly every one of Metro's district profiles, in Dartmouth, in Fairview, and of course, in downtown Halifax. Grant's comments embody one side of a debate raging in Halifax ahead of this month's municipal election: are we overbuilding our city?

You could say Kourosh Rad is representative of the other side of the development debate — though he doesn't believe there are sides. "It wouldn't be wise to just dismiss development altogether, and say, development is bad or good," he says. "You can't pick a side."

Rad is a planner at WSP who

works with developers and architects in the lead up to project approval, engaging the public and working with City Hall. He also served as the chair of the municipality's Design Review Committee for a year.

He would disagree with Grant's assertion that the problem is developers and councilors not following the rules. In fact, Rad says some of the worst developments in Halifax follow

those rules to a tee.

"A lot of the as-of-right stuff that's happening and that happened in the past...they're terrible, just terrible," he says.

But those rules are out-dated. Hence the coming Centre Plan.

The whole idea of the Centre Plan is to create new rules for development in Halifax, and then stick to them.

Grant doesn't see it happening. "If council doesn't enforce



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Kourosh Rad



**Jill Grant, a professor at Dalhousie University's School of Planning.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

it, the plan will not do anything," she says.

"If the Centre Plan says that they can build 10-storey towers, and the developers come in and ask for 12 or 14, council will say yes, so you just end up with more and more."

Rad agrees that it's no magic pill, but more the start of a needed conversation, a good next step. "I think to expect the Centre Plan to fix everything is naive," he says.

The development process in Halifax is already getting more "sophisticated" anyway, Rad argues. "On the side of developers it's getting better, on the side of the city it's getting better, and the public are understanding what they should expect and what they should be asking," he says.

Good development, Rad says, is about a collaborative process.

"We can't expect a developer, by themselves, to just go out and do good developments, we need to all work together," he says. Rad's best example of that collaborative process working well is the Ben's Bakery development on Quinpool Road that he recently worked on.

He says they went to the immediate community around the site for public consultation without a design. They listened to people, and then designed the development. They went back for a check-in, then they made their application, and people liked it.

"For the first time, people were coming to me, shaking my hand, saying, 'Thank you for listening to us,'" Rad says.

But whether it's good or bad development, Grant's biggest concern is that developers in Halifax are building too much.

"I don't think the city is growing at a pace that so much of this development makes sense," she says. Rad says the population is growing at a pace that can sustain the development, and as the region's aging population downsizes, they're moving into the kinds of buildings popping up now.

"The vacancy will go up, but we haven't seen that in the market just yet," he says.

"My sense is that we're overbuilding," says Grant. "But until the projects are finished and you see what the rates for leasing them, we won't know."

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# Mounties offer 'sincere apology'

SAFETY

## Female officers' harassment lawsuits settled

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson has delivered an abject apology to hundreds of current and former female officers and employees who were subjected to bullying, discrimination and harassment dating back as long as four decades.

Paulson made the apology Thursday as he announced the settlement of two class-action lawsuits stemming from harassment that has cast a dark pall over the storied police force.

"To all the women, I stand humbly before you today and solemnly offer our sincere apology," an emotional Paulson said. "You came to the RCMP wanting to personally contribute to your community and we failed you. We hurt you. For that, I am truly sorry."

Paulson said the settlement would provide financial compen-



RCMP commissioner **Bob Paulson**, left, answers a question in Ottawa on Thursday as plaintiffs **Janet Merlo**, centre, and **Linda Davidson** look on. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

sation for the women and lead to resolution of potential class-action lawsuits brought forward by former RCMP members Janet Merlo and Linda Gillis Davidson.

The federal government has earmarked \$100 million for payouts, but there is no cap on the overall compensation that could be awarded. The settlement is expected to cover hundreds of

women who served in the national police force starting from Sept. 16, 1974. It also includes creation of a scholarship in honour of the RCMP's first female regular members as well as establishment of national and divisional advisory committees on gender, sexual orientation, harassment, equity and inclusivity.

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A store in North Bay, Ont. is selling T-shirts to raise money for Ken Pagan's legal defense. FACEBOOK

BLUE JAYS

## Friends rally behind Ken Pagan



**Liz Brown**  
Metro | Toronto

One of Ken Pagan's friends from his time as a sports editor at the North Bay Nugget is showing his support for the alleged beer tosser with a fundraising campaign for his legal defence.

Pagan has been charged with mischief in the Blue Jays beer can incident after he was identified as the man in the image released by the Toronto police.

Paul McLean, owner of the Skater's Edge Source for Sports

in North Bay, is selling #FREEPAGZ T-shirts for \$10, with half the proceeds promised for Pagan's legal fees.

"The man I know and his love for sports — specifically baseball — I just can't believe that's him and looking at the videos out there, it's pretty inconclusive," says McLean. "I've never known him to get drunk and make a bad judgment call."

"It's a small thing we can do, but there's a lot of pressure against him, so if the town of North Bay can rally for him,



Metro ID'd this man as Ken Pagan

we want to do that. We want the best for him," he said.

If it turns out Pagan is the man behind the beer can toss, McLean said he would be "very disappointed" and donate the money to the North Bay Baseball Association instead.

The incident took place on Tuesday, when a can hurled from the stands narrowly missed Baltimore Orioles player Hyun Soo Kim. Pagan identified himself Wednesday, and is to appear in court next month.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

## Immigration a necessity, report says

Ottawa will need to raise its annual immigration level by one-third to 407,000 by 2030 to sustain its economic growth amid an aging population, says a new report on Canada's demographic trends.

Currently, Canadians 65

and over account for 16 per cent of the total population, but the ratio is expected to rise to 24 per cent in the next two decades, according to the report by the Conference Board of Canada.

With a birth rate hovering around 1.55 children

per woman and a longer life expectancy, researchers examined five scenarios of population targets between now and the year 2100.

"The aging of Canada's population will have a significant impact on Canada's

potential economic growth. Weaker labour force growth will have a negative impact on household spending, while a more slowly expanding economy will engender less investment spending," warns the report.

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## DOLPHINS

### Beat it, bottlenoses!

Six stranded dolphins are stubbornly refusing to be guided out of shallow waters in northern New Brunswick, rescuers said Thursday.

"The dolphins are doing what they want to do," said Tonya Wimmer, director of the Marine Animal Response

Society. "We're going to regroup and figure out what to do about our little uncooperative dolphin friends."

It's been more than a week since seven dolphins became stranded near Lameque, with one dying two days later.

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## Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus

Day 5: The way ahead

# Solution right in front of us

## Schools need to start treating sexual-assault survivors less as victims and more as experts



**Rosemary Westwood**  
Metro | Toronto

Five days is nowhere near long enough to talk about campus sexual assault.

In our week-long series, Metro has attempted to frame this ongoing crisis in a new way, to articulate how campus sexual assault is a national issue — even international — and to point out the gaping holes in our national response.

But there were many aspects we did not get to cover. We did not investigate how racism and sexual violence intersect. We did not talk about how gender identity and sexual orientation impact violence, opting for a mostly heteronormative stance as a way into the problems.

We did not report on harassment and sexual violence experienced by professors and employees, a group often left out of the discussion; nor did we investigate the role of men and boys in finding solutions.

If colleges, universities and our communities at large are ever going to be made safe, all of these must be taken into

account. Which means no simple solutions but plenty of opportunity for improvement.

For Farrah Khan, one overriding question is how to tackle campus assaults as part of the larger culture of sexual violence.

"We need a continual commitment from every level of government that sexual violence isn't tolerated in Canada," said Khan, the co-chair of the Ontario Provincial Roundtable on Violence Against Women and the inaugural co-ordinator of sexual-violence education and support at Toronto's Ryerson University.

Khan is particularly concerned with creating more accountable responses, across sectors and workplaces and communities. It's lacking almost everywhere you look: in the military, in the RCMP, in medicine and, of course, in post-secondary schools, which often lack any one person tasked with accountability and oversight, leading to a dangerous dilution of responsibility.

But Khan worries schools will respond to mounting public pressure and provincial legislation by moving to a criminal model for adjudicating complaints, despite its abysmal track record, both in encouraging women to come forward to police and testify in trials and in meting out punishment against assaulters.

Meanwhile, it's clear universities and colleges need to start treating survivors less as victims and more as experts. They know the schools' shortcomings better than anyone.

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**It's ridiculous that nobody's stepping up, so that's what we're doing.**



**Paniz Khosroshahy**, women's-studies major at McGill University and sexual-assault survivor

An encouraging step in this direction was Lucia Lorenzi's inclusion on UBC's Sexual Assault Panel. An alumna and sexual-assault survivor, Lorenzi has become a vocal activist.

"It doesn't send a good message when universities continue to have antagonistic relations with survivors instead of welcoming the critique and work they're doing," she said.

Indeed, when Metro asked five different schools if they specifically sought the input of survivors in their new sexual-assault policies, none had.

Lorenzi wants to see basic, across-the-board standards for sexual-assault policies at all post-secondary schools in Canada, elements that can be adapted to fit each campus — large or small, with or without

### Recurring asks from advocates

- 1 **Universal standards**
- 2 **Mandatory data collection**
- 3 **Independent oversight**
- 4 **Greater collaboration**

residences, urban or rural. And, like Khan, she wants accountability.

"I think it can be a two-step thing," she said — an arm's-length, provincial oversight committee, which reviews campus policies and responses, and a federal level to "make sure policies aren't just approved by people serving

the interests of the university."

Lorenzi also criticized the draft policies released by many campuses in B.C. and Ontario this year, noting that no significant outside input from experts, students or survivors was sought.

Janet, a woman who spoke to Metro on condition of anonymity, wants to see administrators dismissed for not acting on complaints. She's an employee at an Ontario post-secondary institution, and four years ago, she said, she was sexually assaulted and harassed by two men, one of whom was and remains a colleague. Her school administration's response? Six weeks of inaction, and then this: "We're concerned you're too upset to work," she was told. "I got the

### About the series

**Mon. | The power of five**  
The most organized Canada-wide effort to combat campus sexual assault comes from an unlikely crew of five young women.

**Tues. | A federal vacuum**  
The problem is national, but solutions have been regional and parochial.

**Wed. | The U.S. example**  
The U.S.'s laws and White House directives combine to create more rigorous requirements for schools.

**Thurs. | Dearth of data**  
We don't know how big the problem is because no one is incentivized to find out.

**Fri. | The way ahead**  
We have a problem; we need a plan.



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threat," she said. "It was swept under the rug."

"Any incident needs to be reported to an independent third party," she said. "That gives accountability."

Janet was among many people who reached out to Metro this week, keen to talk, keen to help find solutions.

So it's not a question of public appetite for change, or action among grassroots groups. It's a question of leadership. Who is going to take a stand at a national level? Who is going to co-ordinate the vast amount of experience and expertise and input out there? Who is going to hold universities, colleges and other institutions to account?

Right now, the answer is no one.

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# 'This storm's a monster'

## WEATHER

### Millions flee their homes as hurricane gains traction

Hurricane Matthew pelted Florida with heavy rains as the deadly storm steamed ever closer to the coast with potentially catastrophic winds of 130 m.p.h. Thursday. Two million people across the Southeast were warned to flee inland.

It was the most powerful storm to threaten the U.S. Atlantic coast in more than a decade, and had already left more than 280 dead in its wake across the Caribbean.

"This storm's a monster," Gov. Rick Scott warned as it started lashing the state with periodic heavy rains and squalls around nightfall. He added: "I'm going to pray for everybody's safety."

As it moved north in the evening, Matthew stayed about 100 miles or more off South Florida, sparing the 4.4 million people in the Miami and Fort Lauderdale areas from its most punishing effects.



The bands of rain from Hurricane Matthew pass over Orlando on Thursday. JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By Thursday night, more than 60,000 homes and businesses were without power. Streets in Vero Beach were partially covered with water, and hotel guests in Orlando were told to stay inside, though a few sneaked out to smoke or watch the rain.

Millions of people in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina were told to evacuate their homes, and interstate highways were turned into one-way routes to

speed the exodus. Florida alone accounted for about 1.5 million of those told to clear out.

"The storm has already killed people. We should expect the same impact in Florida," the governor warned.

As people hurried to higher ground, authorities in South Carolina said a motorist died on Wednesday after being shot by deputies in a gun battle that erupted when he sped away

from a checkpoint along an evacuation route.

The co-ordinator for Haiti's Interior Ministry in the area hit hardest by Hurricane Matthew said the confirmed death toll in that southwestern zone was 283. Emmanuel Pierre said late Thursday that he expects the toll to rise as authorities reach remote places that were left isolated by the storm.

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## U.K. POLITICS

### Member hospitalized after fight within UKIP

Feuding in Britain's fractious, right-wing U.K. Independence Party erupted into violence Thursday that left a member of the European Parliament hospitalized with a head injury after an "altercation" with a colleague.

Steven Woolfe — the front-runner to be UKIP's next leader — suffered seizures and lost consciousness after clashing with another lawmaker Thursday morning during a meeting of party lawmakers at the legislative building in Strasbourg, France.

UKIP leader Nigel Farage said Woolfe was initially in a serious condition and "things were pretty bad." But he said Thursday afternoon that Woolfe was "in a much better place than he was a few hours ago."



A man resembling Steven Woolfe appears unconscious. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Farage said he was launching an inquiry into the violence, which he said "shouldn't have happened." He declined to identify the other party member involved in what he termed "an altercation." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### UN has a new leader

Portugal's former prime minister Antonio Guterres, who was formally nominated on Thursday to be the next UN secretary-general, said he faces "huge challenges" and hopes to see unity and

consensus during his term. Security Council President Vitaly Churkin, Russia's UN ambassador, said members approved a resolution by acclamation recommending Guterres for a five-year term.

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## EUROPE

### Polish people say no to ban on abortion

Polish lawmakers voted overwhelmingly on Thursday to reject a proposal by an anti-abortion group that would have imposed a total ban on abortion, caving in to massive outrage by women who have been dressing in black and waging street protests

across the country.

The mostly Catholic nation already has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in Europe, with abortion only allowed in rare cases — rape or incest, when the mother's life is in danger or the fetus is badly damaged.

The proposal for further tightening the law came from a citizens' initiative that gathered some 450,000 signatures in this nation of 38 million.

The proposal was highly unpopular with most Poles, with people balking at the idea that a teenage rape vic-

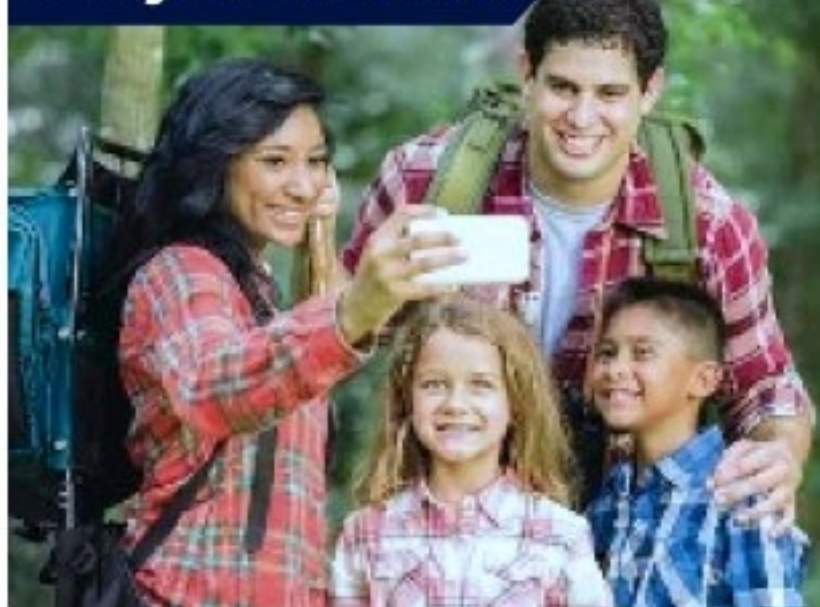
tim should be forced to have her baby, or that a woman whose health was badly compromised would be forced to carry to term.

The proposal had also called for prison terms of up to five years for women who sought abortions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Polish women protest Monday in Brussels against a proposal for a ban on abortion in Poland. GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## REAL ESTATE

### New lending rules impact first-time buyers

Canada's first-time home buyers may have to shelve their dream house fantasies due to lending changes announced this week by the federal government, mortgage brokers say.

Ottawa moved this week to tighten mortgage lending rules that will limit the amount many Canadians can borrow to help ensure that when interest rates

rise, they'll still be able to make their payments.

Mortgage broker Frank Napolitano says that means the size of mortgage many buyers will be able to qualify for will be less once the rules take effect on Oct. 17.

"First-time homebuyers will probably have to probably scale down the type of home that they may have planned to buy," said Napolitano, managing partner at Mortgage Brokers Ottawa.

Under the new rules, a stress test that had only applied to borrowers who opted for variable rate mortgages or fixed rate mortgages with terms less than five years will now be used

for all home buyers with less than a 20 per cent down payment.

That means borrowers must be able to qualify for their mortgage using a higher interest rate than they will actually be paying on their mortgage.

The advertised special offer rates for a five-year fixed rate mortgage at Canada's big banks are around 2.5 per cent. However, the Bank of Canada-posted rate used in the stress test is 4.64 per cent based on the posted rate at the big banks.

"You're not paying more, but you're going to be able to buy less house," Napolitano said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



First-time homebuyers will have to scale down the type of home that plan to buy under new lending rules. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Arctic leaders warming to national carbon tax

At least two territories, firmly opposed to any talk of a price on carbon just months ago now seem willing to listen to what Ottawa has to say. Bob McLeod of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Premier Peter Taptuna sounded open-minded in statements and interviews Thursday. Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski, however, remains dead set against the notion. Northern leaders are concerned a carbon tax would increase the cost of living in the most expensive places to live. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## THE PHYSICS OF BEER-CAN CHUCKING

The Toronto beer-can tosser is notorious by now, but there's disagreement about just how serious this crime could have been if a person's body was in the beer can's path. What affects a projectile's path, and the speed with which it hits the ground? Here are the basics — and yes, assuming the can was full, **it landed fast enough to hurt somebody.**



### INITIAL TOSS

The speed, direction and angle with which the beer-can-thrower lobbed his projectile affects the path it takes and how far it falls, — and the farther it falls, the faster it hits the ground.

### ACCELERATION

All objects accelerate toward the ground at the same rate: Their speed increases by 9.8 metres per second, every second. **Thanks gravity!**

### MASS AND AIR RESISTANCE

The mass of the can — a.k.a., how much beer is inside — doesn't appreciably affect how fast it accelerates toward the ground, but a light, empty can would be subjected more to the whims of the wind and would hit the ground with less force than a full, heavy one.

### FINAL IMPACT

If the tosser launched a full can of beer to a maximum height of **seven metres off the ground**, we calculated that it would hit the field at a final speed of about **40 km/hour** — plenty fast enough to give someone a concussion if they were in its path.

### FINDINGS

Your week in science



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### SEA SATURN'S MOON

Dione, one of Saturn's seven moons, has an icy ocean world under its crust, according to data from NASA's Cassini spacecraft. Scientists think it's been there almost since the moon was formed, increasing the odds there's microscopic life under there.

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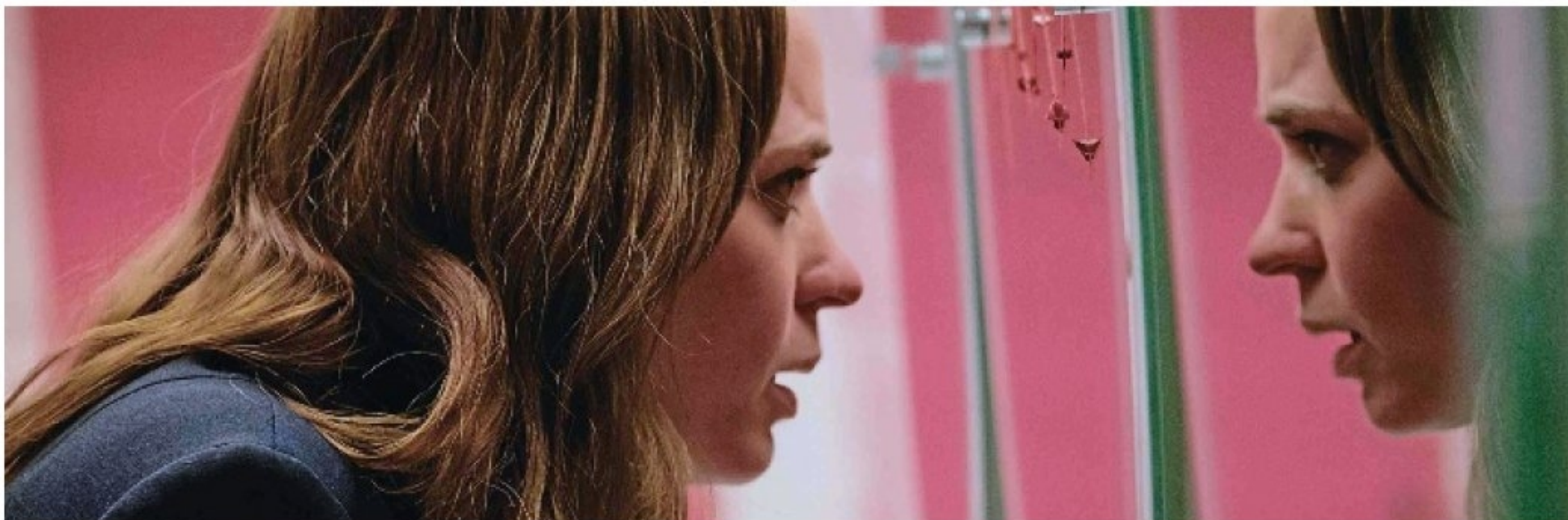
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Emily Blunt says playing an alcoholic divorcée in the recently-released *The Girl on the Train* was “the most challenging thing I’ve ever done.” CONTRIBUTED

## Bring on the Blunt-force drama

### IN FOCUS

### The Girl on the Train actress consistently steals the show

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



The first time most of us noticed Emily Blunt she was “on-the-edge of sickness thin.” To play Emily Chalton, the prickly first assistant to the editor in *The Devil Wears Prada*, Blunt dropped pounds from her already slight frame.

“It wasn’t like doughnuts were snatched out of my hand,” laughs the 5’ 7½” actress, but she was encouraged to slim down. So much so she would occasionally cry from hunger during the shoot. Luckily, though rake thin, she still had the energy to steal the movie from her more seasoned co-stars, Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci.

Although the character fell directly into the love-to-hate-hater category, audiences found Blunt irresistible. Her mix of vulnerability and fork-tongued charm earned the title Best Female Scene-Stealer from *Entertainment Weekly* and nominations for everything from a Teen

### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**The Girl on the Train** ★★  
**Denial** ★★★★★  
**The Birth of a Nation** ★★★  
**Two Lovers and a Bear** ★★★★★

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Choice Award to a Golden Globe.

This weekend she plays a much different character in the much-anticipated thriller *The Girl on the Train*. Based on the Paula Hawkins bestseller — 11 million copies sold and counting — it’s a dark cinematic journey into a missing person’s case. The 33-year-old actress says playing

an alcoholic divorcée who witnesses a crime from a train window, “the most challenging thing I’ve ever done.”

Early reviews are strong. *Variety* raved she “excels as the broken-down heroine.” Those kind of kudos are an echo of her much-admired, though lesser seen work, in the U.K.

We’ve also seen her as an over-sexed young women opposite Tom Hanks in *Charlie Wilson’s War*, warbling Stephen Sondheim’s rich *Into the Woods* score, riding a polar bear in *The Huntsman: Winter’s War* and dressed as Princess Diana in the quirky rom-com *Five-Year Engagement*.

She’s done action in both *Sicario* and *Edge of Tomorrow* (later renamed *Live. Die. Repeat.* for home release). Big budget blockbusters don’t usually make room for female characters unless they are sidekicks or girlfriends. In *Edge of Tomorrow*, Blunt avoids being objectified and is as strong, if not stronger than co-star Tom Cruise.

In *Sicario* she’s part of an elite task force stemming the flow of drugs between Mexico and the U.S. A multi-farious mix of vulnerability, stone cold confidence and outrage, she delivered the most interesting female action star since *Mad Max: Fury Road*’s Imperator Furiosa.

Next up her diverse career is the lead in *Mary Poppins Returns*. She says she’s nervous because the flying nanny is “such an important character in people’s childhood,” but has been given the thumbs up by the original Mary, Julie Andrews. “It was lovely to get her stamp of approval. That took the edge off it, for sure.”



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# Bear witness to this icy, tainted love tale

## FILM

### Kim Nguyen's latest is surreal and covers several genres

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



The story of two star-crossed lovers on the run from bad memories is at the heart of *Two Lovers and a Bear*, a new Arctic-set film from Rebelle director Kim Nguyen.

Counselling the couple is a talking polar bear, a philosophical addition to a movie that is part romance, part thriller and all icy cold isolation.

Montreal native Nguyen says the script for the film evolved over time, but many of the elements, including the talking bear came to him on a stop-over at the Amsterdam airport.

"I was reading Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami," he says. "There are weird gods in the book, kind of like imperfect Greek gods with flaws. It dawned on me that I should have something like an imper-

fect, flawed deity in the film."

At the same time he noticed the airport's giant brass teddy bears and voilà, the idea of an advice-giving polar bear was born.

The bear, played by a real polar bear named Agee and voiced by acting legend Gordon Pinsent, is the most fanciful part of a film that sees Lucy and Roman, played by recent Emmy winner Tatiana Maslany and Dane DeHaan, embark on a physical and metaphysical journey to confront their troubled, violent pasts.

"I've seen a lot of people like that," Nguyen says of the people he met in Nunavut, "(people) who just can't connect with an organized, dense, compact society. They have to go up North and that's why you meet very interesting, unique characters up there. Often it is the people who don't cope with societal norms."

Nguyen's unpredictable story intensifies with every twist, finding depth as the volatile Lucy and Roman explore the vast white expanse of their home and their innermost fears.

The lead actors have some heavy lifting to do to navigate the film's many shifts from



Kim Nguyen, right, director of *Two Lovers and a Bear*, and a still of the polar bear Agee (voiced by Gordon Pinsent) from the film. CONTRIBUTED

comedy, to psychological drama and isolationist horror.

To survive the inhospitable cold of their home both must be strong willed characters but both also wear their fragility on their parka sleeves. As such, Maslany and DeHaan are perfectly cast.

"We met a lot of people," says Nguyen. "At the beginning it wasn't defined exactly who

Lucy was going to be; where she would come from. We wanted to keep it open with the casting. Tatiana came a little later on. We didn't even think about her. Coming off of *Orphan Black* the casting director said, 'Why don't we try her? She's versatile. She has range.' She was gracious enough to do a screen test. She blew us away. She was totally way up there in the truthfulness

and the authenticity. She is really someone who is able to connect. Kind of like Dane. "I discovered Dane when I saw *Place Beyond the Pines*. When I saw that, I was certain that Dane wasn't a trained actor. He was so authentic I assumed he was this guy who had this one role in him. Then I learned he was a trained actor and was really impressed by his

performance."

The six-week Nunavut shoot was gruelling for all, requiring physical stamina and a trait Nguyen calls "one of the biggest, most important qualities"—fearlessness.

"Dane and Tatiana have that," says the director. "They dive in and they are not analyzing their performance as they're playing it."

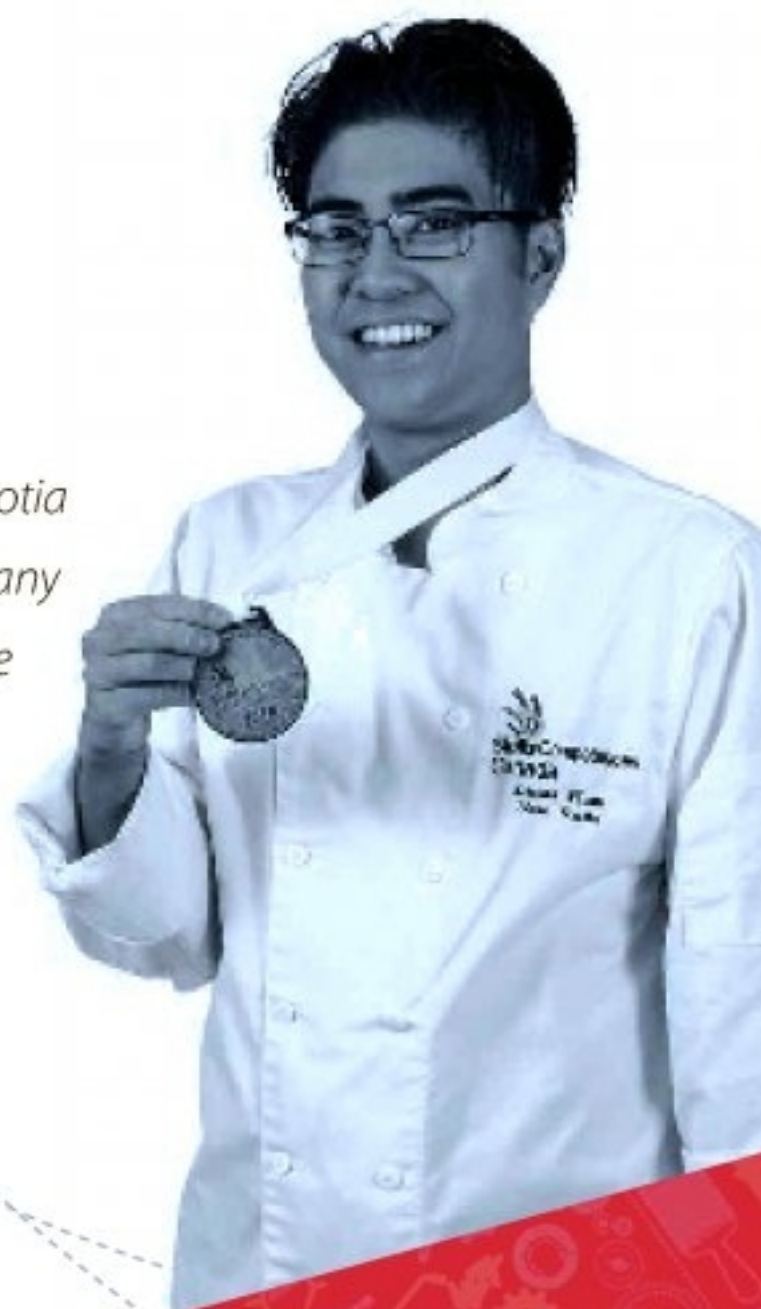


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"It's fun being you," says actor Rachel Weisz to Deborah E. Lipstadt, both pictured on the set of *Denial*. Weisz filmed the outspoken historian on her iPhone to capture her personal history, mannerisms and attitude. CONTRIBUTED

# Bad publicity for Holocaust deniers

LEGAL BIOPIC

## Rachel Weisz plays British historian in *Denial*

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



"I can't understand why people don't always say what they are thinking," says Emory University professor Deborah E. Lipstadt. "I'm missing a certain filter. I say what I think."

Lipstadt, a specialist in modern Jewish history, emerged into public life from academia as the subject of a 1996 lawsuit brought against her by self-taught British historian and Holocaust denier David Irving. Irving, upset she singled him out in a book as a less-than-reputable historian, launched a libel lawsuit claiming Lipstadt and her publisher were part of a worldwide conspiracy to rob him of his livelihood.

Donations from benefactors like Steven Spielberg paid for the gruelling eight-week, £3,000,000 trial which boiled down to one main question: Is Irving a liar and a falsifier of history or simply a histor-

ian who sees things from Hitler's point of view? The stakes were high; if Irving won, his account of history would be given credence.

The sensational court case is chronicled in *Denial*, a new film starring Rachel Weisz as the outspoken academic.

"In the story of this trial and this case, a lot of very good people said to me, 'Don't do it,'" Lipstadt says. "A lot of people didn't want me to do it because they thought I'd be giving him publicity. How do you fight bad people without building them up and giving them a billion dollars of free publicity?"

But the publicity helped expose Irving and other deniers, says Weisz.

"I think the more people who know that the better. Most people don't know who David Irving is. He has his core group of followers and they're going to be very happy about this publicity. Or not. I don't know how they're going to feel about this, but it is more important that people should know about it. And nobody does. It doesn't really bother me that he's getting publicity. It's not good publicity."

"I think Rachel is right," says Lipstadt. "It's a balance. I knew fighting him would give him

publicity but it would serve a purpose."

The British actress says capturing Lipstadt's essence — from the heavy Queens accent to her personal boldness — was "a beautiful, delicious challenge."

"Deborah came and hung out with me in New York," says Weisz, "sat in my kitchen for two days straight. I filmed her on my iPhone so I would be able to look back at it. Deborah told me stories about her childhood, her parents and about the trial. It was just being able to be near her and soak up her spirit and attitude and find the places where we intersect as people. There are some (people) when you find that you think, 'I could be this person if my life had gone differently.' It became imaginable to me then that I could be Deborah had my life gone that way."

Lipstadt describes watching Weisz's performance as "an out-of-body experience," adding that her friend, legal eagle Alan Dershowitz wrote her a note, saying, "She catches your accent but even more she captured your attitude."

"It's fun being you," says Weisz. "I enjoyed it. You get to say what you think. I like it, it's very healthy. Get it out."

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## HISTORY

## Film honours the memory of a 19th-century slave rebellion

**Peter Howell**  
Torstar News Service

Can we forget the past even while being summoned to remember it?

That's the conundrum of *The Birth of a Nation*, Nate Parker's provocative drama of America's bloodiest slave rebellion, which the actor and filmmaker directed, co-wrote and stars in, and which sold for a record \$17.5 million (U.S.) following its ecstatic Sundance premiere.

Parker wants the world to recall a man and a story ill-served by history books: Nat Turner, an American-born slave turned Baptist preacher, who led an 1831 Virginia uprising that left 60 slave owners and 200 slaves dead through violent confrontation and retribution. It's a message and memory the film capably and viscerally honours.

Yet the first-time filmmaker doesn't want any rekindling of the collective conscience regarding his own disturbing past. In 1999, Parker and his Penn State University roommate Jean Celestin (later his screenplay co-writer) were charged with raping an intoxicated and unconscious fellow student.

Parker was acquitted at trial and Celestin was convicted (it was overturned on appeal), but the complainant, who was then 18 years old, always felt she'd been denied justice. She committed suicide at age 30 in 2012.

The rape allegation has



Nate Parker, centre, as Nat Turner, who is transformed from a docile slave into a righteous rebel and free man in *The Birth of a Nation*. His film honours the memory of a 19th-century slave rebellion even as his own past raises troubling questions. JAHU CHIKWENDU/HANDOUT

stuck to Parker and *The Birth of a Nation* since the 1999 story broke wide in late August. Parker hasn't helped his situation or that of his movie by steadfastly refusing to apologize for his actions, which he puts down to youthful indiscretion and false accusation.

He and Celestin have also made rape a central part of *The Birth of a Nation*, as Parker's Turner is galvanized to lead the anti-slavery rebellion after his wife (Aja Naomi King) is sexually assaulted by slave owners led by a vile redneck (Jackie Earle Haley). Another rape — both happen off-cam-

era — involves a character played by Gabrielle Union.

*The Birth of a Nation* is a film for alert minds, even those that can't — and shouldn't — forget the past and present behaviour of its maker.

**“I am 36 years old right now. My faith is very important to me, so looking back through that lens, it's not the lens I had when I was 19 years old.”** Filmmaker Nate Parker

Parker commands the frame as Turner, taught as a child to read the Bible by a kindly matriarch (Penelope Ann Mil-

ler), who put humanity slightly ahead of human ownership.

Young Nate grew up almost as a member of her family, befriending the woman's son Samuel (played by Armie Hammer as an adult) while still

being obliged to work as an indentured field hand.

Nate discovers he has oratorical skills to complement his

literacy and Bible knowledge. Samuel starts hiring him out as an itinerant preacher to neighbouring slave owners, who hope his hellfire-and-damnation speeches will quell rumbles of rebellion. The opposite occurs, once Nate is fully apprised of the horrors visited upon his fellow slaves.

The film bears obvious comparisons to *12 Years a Slave*. But *The Birth of a Nation* is an even rougher and more intense experience than its Oscar-winning predecessor. One scene depicts the force-feeding of a slave on a hunger strike, who first has his teeth knocked out by a hammer.

Another grim scene has the camera moving backwards through a forest of dead slaves hanged as punishment for challenging their white masters. Nina Simone's haunting version of “Strange Fruit” plays on the soundtrack.

After three viewings, the most significant thing about *The Birth of a Nation* is its depiction of Nat Turner's transformation from a docile slave into a righteous rebel and free man. His conscience was moved by what he learned and he took action to right a wrong. The same might not be said about Parker, but his film is worth seeing regardless.

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# Rob Ford saga inspired CBC show



Actors Lyriq Bent and Elyse Levesque, right, star in *Shoot the Messenger*. Levesque plays a newspaper reporter caught in a web of gangs, murder and politics in Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

## CREATOR INTERVIEW

### Shoot the Messenger a series of sex, drugs and politics

A co-creator of the new CBC-TV crime drama *Shoot the Messenger* insists it's not a story about Rob Ford.

But Sudz Sutherland does admit he was inspired by the saga of the late former Toronto mayor as he helped craft the series, which stars Elyse Levesque as a newspaper reporter caught up in a web of gangs, murder, sex, drugs and politics in Toronto.

"It's not the Rob Ford story but ... we were all inspired by that and I thought that unmasked a lot of what was going on behind the scenes of the city," said Sutherland, who created the show with his wife Jennifer Holness.

"We thought, 'Hm, that's really interesting,' so we wanted to actually explore these relationships between people who are super rich and political people with political power and people who are business leaders but have these skeletons in their closet."

Debuting Monday, the serialized show follows Levesque's character Daisy as she witness-

es and then investigates the murder of a young Somali man.

Lyriq Bent plays the lead homicide detective, who is also Daisy's secret lover.

"A huge influence for me was Claire Danes of *Homeland*. That was a big inspiration for finding this person," said Levesque, who hails from Regina.

"But other than that I didn't base it on any actual living human being."

Co-stars include Alex Kingston as Daisy's editor, Lucas Bryant as her co-worker, Hannah Anderson as her sister, and Ari Cohen as the attorney general.

Guest stars include Barenaked Ladies lead singer Ed Robertson and former NBA stars Jamaal Magloire and Rick Fox.

"We've got the attorney general and we've got a group of young Somali men, so we took the barest piece of the Rob Ford stuff and that inspired us," said Sutherland.

"Then we also took a young reporter — nothing to do with the Rob Ford story — but we

took somebody who actually witnessed a crime. So that was something that was really interesting to us, the fact that Daisy witnessed a crime and what would that be like if a reporter kind of becomes the story?"

Sutherland, who is also a director on the show, said he and Holness wanted *Shoot the Messenger* to have the same characteristics of a Netflix or HBO series.

"We wanted to bring that to the CBC, that highly serialized, really great, fun, guilty-pleasure-type show, things like *Scandal*."

He and Holness spoke with Toronto cops and reporters "to actually get into the underpinnings of what's going on in the city," he said. "We really learned so much about how people really get down in the world, because there's a facade of how we think people behave, but really how people behave behind closed doors is really, really interesting. So that's the story we wanted to tell."

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Series co-creator Sudz Sutherland

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### VANCOUVER ISLAND

## No matter how you see it, salmon season awe-inspiring

**Loren Christie**  
For Metro Canada



From late July through to the end of October the rivers on the eastern side of Vancouver Island are teeming with hundreds of thousands of Pacific salmon.

On a recent excursion to the community of Campbell River I hooked up with Destiny River Adventures for an up-close and personal look at this natural phenomenon.

After having us don a wetsuit and snorkel gear, our guide immediately warned off any potential of sober second thoughts by making us jump off a small cliff into the town's chilly namesake river.

Then it was time to literally plunge face first into the water and let the current do the work. Although, the rapids might be considered relatively calm for



**It was exhilarating to fly down the river, undulating over the rocks and having giant salmon darting around you as they battled upstream to lay their eggs.**

rafters, as a snorkeller it was exhilarating to fly down the river, undulating over the rocks and having giant salmon darting around you as they battled upstream to lay their eggs.

In addition to attracting snorkellers and sports fisherman, the annual salmon run provides a buffet for the local

bear population. Discovery Marine Safaris offers a full-day Grizzly Bear Tour, which takes eager bear watchers by boat up Bute Inlet to Orford Bay, a small community on British Columbia's mainland and home to the Homalco First Nations people. Within the first two minutes of the land portion of the tour,

our guide Janet was stopping on the edge of a river where we silently poured off the bus and watched two bears play on a log and tuck into a salmon lunch. By the end of the day we had seen five grizzlies, two Roosevelt Elk and numerous eagles.

After having seen the area by land and sea, we spent our last day exploring by air. In a six-seater 1954 DeHavilland DHC-6 Beaver floatplane to be exact.

Corilair's historic mail flight brings tourists along as they deliver the post to four small communities on the neighbouring Discovery Islands. It was an

incredible way to get a bird's eye peek at life in the area, from the magnificent homes to chatting with the locals in communities like Refuge Cove, population six, with its weather worn wharves and verdant green forest.

After a stop in Surge Narrows, home of one of four floating post offices in Canada, we touched down in Big Bay where we grabbed a bottle of BC Pinot Noir from the supply store and toasted our day on the deck.

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# La vie en rouge et orange

ESSAYS

## One writer's love-affair with Paris in autumn

**Vivian Song**  
For Torstar News Service

I've always held a special affinity for Paris in the fall. While Parisians mourn the last days of summer and return begrudgingly to the city after their month-long holidays, I wait patiently for that first fall morning, when the weather turns, definitively announcing the season's arrival.

More than five years ago, I boarded a plane in Toronto and landed in Paris, and I fell under an enchantment which, I believe in hindsight, was produced by the bewitching effects of autumn, when the city takes on a dream-like quality that happens at no other time of the year.

It wasn't supposed to last this long. My original intent was to spend a year in France and return to Toronto recharged after living "la vie en rose." But in the

days and weeks after arriving in mid-September, the autumnal skies, the rain-soaked cobblestone streets, and the way the gold-leaf trees cast a soft glow along the Seine seduced me, and I knew I had to stay.

In the same way couples reminisce with fondness about their days as young, broke newlyweds who shared their first meals sitting on the floor, on my five-year anniversary I found myself nostalgic for those early days when I was a starry-eyed tourist, euphorically happy with the simple pleasures of her new Parisian life.

My first introduction to my new neighbourhood upon stepping out of the cab was an olfactory one: layered under the heavy coolness of the crisp, autumn air was the maddening perfume of melting butter wafting from the crêperies lining my street — a smell I still associate with fall.

When I arrived in Paris, I was jobless and poor. Money was tight and my only little luxuries were the edible kind. On a good week, I would head to the market and pick up a roast chicken leg, roasted potatoes, and a basket of figs.



**A steaming cup of hot-chocolate is one of the great pleasures of Paris in the fall.**

Just as boxes of clementines signal the start of winter in Canada, every year I look forward to the start of fall for fig season, an elegant fruit that's expensive and uncommon back home, but affordable and accessible in France.

I always bookmark the second weekend of October for one of my favourite Parisian festivals, the Fete des Vendanges, a food and wine-fuelled event in Montmartre where I tasted my first escargot thanks to a kindly stranger who insisted I sample one from his own plate.

I reserve every free Sunday for strolling the Jardin du Lux-

embourg or the Jardin du Palais Royale and seek out the leafiest paths for the satisfaction of hearing and feeling the crunch of dead leaves beneath my feet.

Invariably, I catch myself marvelling at the distinctively Parisian way the leaves have browned at the edges or faded yellow, turning the city into the colour palate of the '70s.

In the summer, Paris becomes an artificial version of itself: the locals can't leave town fast enough, leaving stampedes of tourists to take over the city. I have yet to be reconciled with the cold, damp sunless Parisian winters. And while Parisian springs can be heart-stoppingly beautiful, I dread its arrival for the prosaic reality that it sends my allergies into overdrive.

Come fall, however, the gardens are more spacious as the tourist crowds have thinned. The locals have also returned. It's a homecoming I welcome; the absence of Parisians over the summer casts an artificial, unauthentic calm over the city.

Their return, and the sepia light of fall, draw out the real Paris: the brooding, beautiful, moody, poetic, melancholic and soul-stirring version.



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# History, churches and stunning beaches

MALTA

## Tiny nation of island's Europe's best-kept secret

History, heat and fantastic beaches best describe a vacation in Malta, a sun-soaked archipelago in the Mediterranean Sea that's a popular destination for many Europeans.

Malta actually consists of three inhabited islands — Malta, Comino and Gozo — which are situated south of Italy and north of the African country Libya in the Mediterranean Sea.

The country's location has historically given it great strategic importance as a naval base, and a succession of powers, including the Turks, Knights of St. John, French and British, have ruled. The southern European island nation is now part of the European Union.

Military forts, inland and on the coasts, dot the islands and offer a fascinating insight into the country's his-

tory. The walled city of Mdina and St. Elmo's Fort in Valletta, where the island was defended against invaders, are worth a visit.

Churches are must-see attractions. The Mosta Dome, also known as the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady in Mosta, has a spectacular high-domed ceiling that was bombed in the Second World War but miraculously remained intact.

The St. John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta, the country's capital, is home to the Knights (Grand Masters) of Malta. It contains many important works of art sanctioned by the Knights, including the painting The Beheading of St. John the Baptist by the Italian painter Caravaggio.

With summer temperatures consistently in the '30s with no rain, beaches are popular destinations for tourists and locals alike.

The stunning Blue Lagoon

### GETTING THERE

There are no direct flights from Canada to Malta; you have to fly to a city in Europe and then get a connecting flight.



Blue hole at Azure Window in Gozo Malta offers fantastic swimming. ISTOCK

on Comino is a must-do when you are on the island. Boat tours make regular runs to Comino, but if you go you'll

want to make a day trip out of it. Likewise the Azure Window on Gozo, a natural limestone arch, offers fantastic

swimming on the rock beach below it.

One beach off the beaten track is St. Peter's Pool near

Marsaxlokk on Malta.

It's a natural pool in a sheltered cove where jumping off four-metre cliffs into crystal-clear waters is easier than negotiating the rough, one-lane road to get to the attraction.

Marsaxlokk's daily fish market offers many delicacies caught the same day by local fishermen in their "luzzus," small, brightly painted fishing boats.

The narrow, hilly streets of Valletta have many shops and cafes popular with tourists, with regular bus and ferry service feeding the country's capital.

From the boardwalks of Sliema, which are lined with restaurants and cafes, it's an easy stroll to the beach for a quick dip in the sea.

Getting around the islands can be a challenge, although there is a reliable bus and ferry system.

It is best to rent a couple of cars and drivers with experience at using the left-hand drive system and the abundant roundabouts where choosing the correct turn can often a challenge.

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# Blue Jays put up a 10

MLB PLAYOFFS

## Toronto throttles Texas on both sides of the ball

Toronto rocked Cole Hamels for five runs in the third inning and a near flawless Marco Estrada delivered 8-1/3 strong innings as the Blue Jays thumped the Texas Rangers 10-1 Thursday to win Game 1 of their American League Division Series.

Jose Bautista, Public Enemy No. 1 in Texas, slammed a three-run homer in the ninth inning off reliever Jake Diekmann to rub salt in the wound. He put his bat down gently after the blast to left field, where the fan who caught the ball whipped it back into the field.

It was Bautista's fourth home run in his last eight post-season at-bats. He is tied with Joe Carter for most playoff homers by a Blue Jay with six.

Toronto came close to its first complete game of the season — and the first of Estrada's career. But Elvis Andrus tripled to open the bottom of the ninth and scored on Shin-Soo Choo's groundout. Manager John Gibbons then brought in Ryan Tepera.

Estrada (1-0) gave up one run in on four hits with six strikeouts in a 98-pitch performance with 72 strikes.

Game 2 of the best-of-five series is Friday.



The Blue Jays' Jose Bautista connects for a three-run home run against the Rangers during Game 1 of their American League Division Series in Arlington, Texas, on Thursday. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

The Jays sent nine men to the plate in the third, scoring five runs all with two outs. Troy Tulowitzki did the bulk of the damage with a three-run triple.

"In reality we were due to break out ... Can't say we necessarily relaxed, but it was kind of nice to have a game where you will have a little breathing room, because we haven't had too many of those lately,"

### ALDS Game 1



Gibbons said.

Rangers manager Jeff Bannister said he does not expect any fallout from the one-sided loss.

Melvin Upton Jr. hit a solo homer in a two-run fourth for Toronto. Josh Donaldson, who had two singles, two doubles and a walk on the day, drove in a run in each of the third and fourth innings. His four hits tied a club post-season mark.

While Hamels (0-1) wobbled in 3-1/3 innings, Estrada was rock-steady, retiring 15 of the first 16 batters he faced. The only Ranger to get on during that stretch was Adrian Beltre, on a second-inning infield hit.

Estrada retired 12 straight after Beltre. The 33-year-old right-hander faced just one batter over the minimum over eight innings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### MLB NOTES

#### Murphy expected to play for Nats in Game 1 of NLDS

Dusty Baker expects injured second baseman Daniel Murphy to play for the Nationals in Game 1 of the NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, but Washington's manager still won't announce his Game 2 starter.

After Thursday's workout, Baker explained Murphy "says he's ready, so therefore we think he's ready." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Baker, Roberts to make history for black managers

The NL Division Series between Dusty Baker's Washington Nationals and Dave Roberts' Los Angeles Dodgers is the first post-season matchup in major-league history involving two black managers.

It's a point of pride and can "show people that not only can we do the job, but we can do the job better than most," Baker said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Price still in search of his first post-season win

David Price wants to make his next post-season start unlike all his others.

"I want to go out there and win.... and I know that I'm capable of doing that," he said.

That would be a first. Boston's left-hander is 0-7 in the post-season going into Friday's start in Game 2 of the AL Division Series against Cleveland.

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RUSSIA

## Kremlin supports probe of kids' fights

The Kremlin has called for an investigation after state TV broadcast mixed martial arts fights between children as young as eight years old.

Ramzan Kadyrov, the strongman leader of the Russian region of Chechnya, entered three of his young sons into so-called exhibition bouts during a televised fight card Tuesday. President Vladimir Putin's

spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters Thursday that the fact that one fight between 10-year-olds finished with a technical knockout was "a reason for the appropriate oversight agencies to inquire about this incident."

Peskov suggested the fights were a matter for children's rights ombudsman Anna Kuznetsova. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

12

Children under 12 are not allowed to step into the ring in Russia.

### IN BRIEF

#### Italy and Spain play to draw in World Cup qualifier

Former world champions Italy and Spain played to 1-1 on Thursday, giving a chance for unheralded Albania to take the lead in their Europe qualifying group.

Albania moved to the top of Group G after winning in Lichtenstein 2-0.

Elsewhere, Mario Mandzukic bagged a hat trick as Croatia beat up Kosovo 6-0, while Wales conceded the lead twice away in Austria in a 2-2 draw.

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#### Hurricane Matthew wreaks havoc on football schedules

Fear of the damage that powerful Hurricane Matthew may cause prompted two college football postponements Thursday, and had the NFL plotting just-in-case scenarios for games scheduled in Tampa and Miami this weekend.

A pair of college games set to be played Saturday — LSU at No. 18 Florida, as well as Charlotte at Florida Atlantic — were postponed.

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DRUG TESTING

## Pole vaulter tested positive for cocaine



Shawn Barber GETTY IMAGES

World champion pole vaulter Shawn Barber says a tryst with a woman he met on Craigslist led to a positive doping test for cocaine.

The 22-year-old from Toronto tested positive for trace amounts of the drug prior to the Rio Olympics, but the 2015 world champion was permitted to compete in Brazil after it was determined he inadvertently ingested the banned substance.

The report was released on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# 'I want to improve everything'

QM JHL

## Hischier looks to make most of rookie year with Herd

Dylan DesRoche  
For Metro/Halifax

Nico Hischier may already be a top prospect for the 2017 NHL entry draft, but he's focused on one thing this year: helping the Halifax Mooseheads win.

"My first goal for sure is the team's success. I want us to be successful as a team," he said in a recent interview.

The 17-year-old from Naters, Switzerland, was selected sixth overall by the Mooseheads in the CHL international import draft earlier this year.

Hischier has since settled nicely into Halifax's roster, starting off his rookie season on the Herd's first line, earning three points in four games.

The teen also recently received an 'A' rating in initial assessments from NHL cen-



Mooseheads man Swiss Nico Hischier is destined for the NHL. JEFF HARPER/METRO

tral scouting, despite being unable to net his first goal. This rating means that he is a probable first-round choice in the 2017 NHL entry draft.

"When you're young, you

always watch the NHL draft and dream about when you can go put that jersey on and walk on that stage," said Hischier.

Though nabbing that NHL

jersey is a dream for Hischier, he says he doesn't like to think about it too much, but wants to focus on his game.

"I want to improve myself as much as possible. From

physical size, to skating, I want to improve everything," he said.

The 17-year-old spent last season playing with SC Bern of the Swiss National league, which is Switzerland's top-tier professional hockey league. This is even more impressive considering the league is made up of grown men that rarely see 16-year-olds lace up their skates.

Hischier played well with SC Bern, despite playing against bigger and stronger men, but he's looking forward to mastering North America's smaller ice surfaces.

"I just want to get more comfortable on the small ice and I want to improve and make quicker plays and quicker passes."

Coach Andre Tourigny has already noticed the young centre improving. "He's a great guy to work with," Tourigny said. "I think he has done a good job so far to adjust, he's always listening to the teaching we have for him."

Even though Hischier has

had to move across the globe to join this team, the 17-year-old is starting to feel right at home in Halifax.

"In the beginning, everything is new and a little weird, but you get friends and you feel more comfortable," he said.

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**My first goal for sure is the team's success.**

Nico Hischier on the Herd

"We all have a pretty good friendship in the locker room."

The teen has dealt with a lot of change this year, but even after all that

Hischier says he's happy.

"Having fun is the most important thing. We all play hockey because it makes us happy, everyday I'm so pumped to go on the ice," he said with a smile.

Hischier and the rest of the Mooseheads have a busy few days coming up at the Scotiabank Centre as the club will host the Rimouski Oceanic on Friday night, the Charlotte-town Islanders on Saturday, and the Gatineau Olympiques Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. in a Thanksgiving matinee.

NHL

## Obama honours Sid and the Penguins

President Barack Obama honoured the Pittsburgh Penguins at the White House on Thursday for completing what he described as one of the most remarkable turnarounds in the history of the National Hockey League as they won their fourth Stanley Cup.

Obama noted that he has now

been able to celebrate with eight Stanley Cup winners during his presidency with all of the teams based in the United States. He smiled when noting he recently reminded Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of that achievement.

"This is a nice bookend for my

presidency," said Obama, a sports fan who has shown no slowing down in his efforts to honour the nation's sports champions as his second term draws to a close.

The Penguins, led by Sidney Crosby, overcame a tough start to the season with Obama noting that they were closer to last

place than first in late December. The team hired a new coach, Mike Sullivan, when the team looked out of playoff contention. Obama credited the Penguins' persistence and teamwork as critical factors in completing the turnaround.

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Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby shows the Stanley Cup off to U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES



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NFL

## Anderson ready to start for Panthers

Derek Anderson is preparing as if he will start Monday night against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with Cam Newton still in the league's concussion protocol.

The 33-year-old Anderson took reps with Carolina's first-team offence for the second straight day, while Newton did not attend the team's outdoor practice.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera offered little in terms of an update on Newton's playing status, saying he won't make a decision on the 2015 MVP until later this week.

"We are not forcing players to get onto the football field," Rivera said emphatically Thursday. "We will do exactly as the protocol tells



Derek Anderson  
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us and what the doctors and experts tell us."

The NFL is still investigating how the Panthers handled a helmet-to-helmet hit Newton took in the fourth quarter of a Week 1 loss to the Denver Broncos. Newton stayed in and completed that game despite a ferocious blow to the head.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy told The Associated Press on Thursday the league had no update on that investigation. Newton was one of six starters who didn't practice Thursday.

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## IN BRIEF

### Broken foot puts Kings' Gaborik on injured list

The Los Angeles Kings have placed right wing Marian Gaborik on injured reserve with a broken right foot.

The Kings formally made the move Thursday. Gaborik was struck by teammate Mats Zuccarello's shot while they were playing for Team Europe at the World Cup of Hockey last month. Gaborik is expected to be sidelined for at least eight weeks, keeping the Slovak goal-scorer out of the Kings' lineup until late November.

Gaborik, 34, is making more than \$6 million in the third season of a seven-year, contract through 2021. He scored just 22 points in 54 games last season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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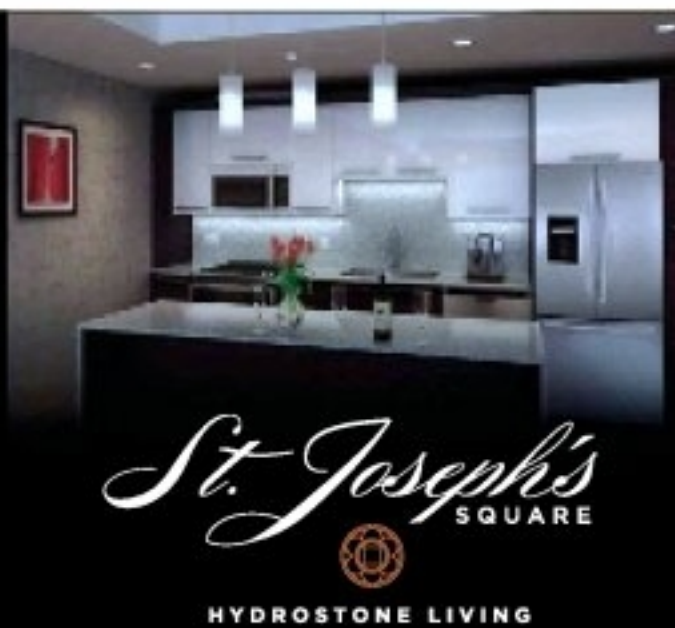
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- 3 mini potatoes
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- 1 carrot
- 1 or 2 stalks of fresh rosemary
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper
- flat bread or prepared pizza crust
- 1 1/2 cups grated Fontina cheese

### Directions

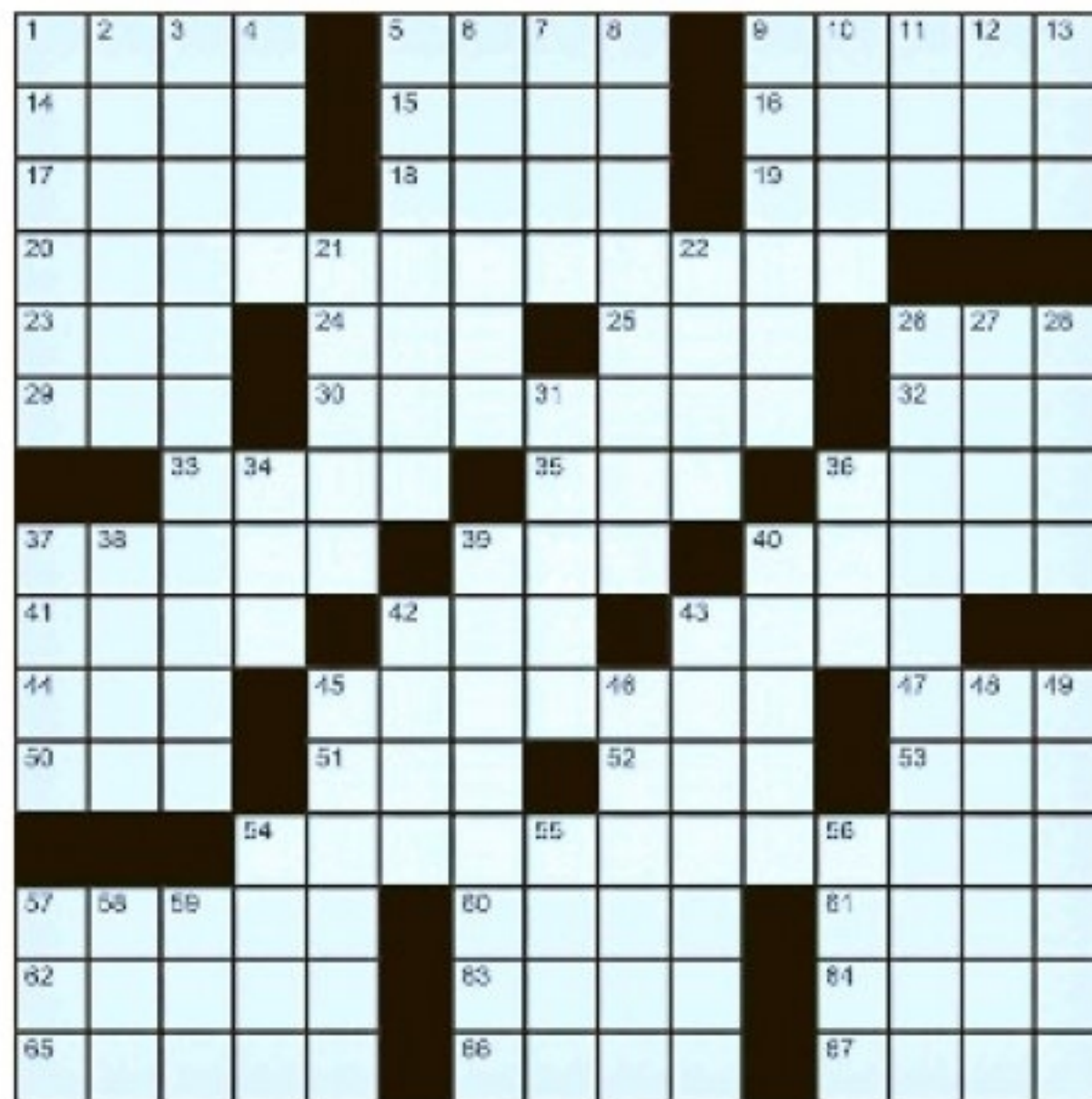
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Slice all your vegetables very thinly, particularly the potatoes so that they'll all cook through at the same pace. Place them on a baking sheet. Drizzle with oil, season with rosemary leaves and salt and pepper. Give everything a toss and then spread them out evenly on the sheet.
3. Bake for about 15 minutes, until vegetables are tender. Remove from the oven.
4. Place your flat bread or pizza crust on another baking sheet. Arrange the cooked vegetables, including the rosemary, on top. Sprinkle the cheese evenly across. Pop the whole thing back in the oven for 7 or 8 minutes, until the cheese is melted and beginning to brown.

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23. Vine variety
24. Conference room happening, briefly
25. Shakespeare's wee country
26. Impair
29. Catch
30. Distinctly
32. Nero's deuce-ace
33. "If \_\_ \_ be so bold as to..."
35. Grassy field
36. Fiend
37. Fermented soybean pastes
39. Nord's opposite
40. \_\_ acetate (Type of solvent)
41. Honorific in Turkey
42. Entirely
43. Ship's mooring post
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62. Whac-a-- (Ar-  
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63. Goblet part  
64. Some old  
theatres  
65. Haida mythol-  
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66. Stockings  
67. Web connectors, briefly

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37. Mother, sometimes
38. Mr. Stravinsky
39. Torpid
40. Duck type
42. \_ blue
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45. Lustrous sheets fabric
46. Singer/actor Mr. Bass'
48. Being-cleaned hallway bucket item: 2 wds.
49. Metamorphic\*rock variety
54. Exclusive
55. Keen on
56. Actor Mr. Katz
57. Automobile
58. US docs' org.
59. It continues

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**♈ Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Remember to get more sleep and more rest at this time, because you need it. Discussions with partners and close friends are important.


 **Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You might be focused on health issues right now. Fortunately, the next 12 months are a good time for you to restore your health or do something to improve it.

**II Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Take time off for fun and pleasure if possible. A vacation in the next week would be perfect for you. Enjoy sports, playful activities with children and romantic getaways.


**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
This continues to be a strong time for home and family issues. Your interaction with a parent or senior family member might be important.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Try to be as clear as possible in all your communications with others. This is a strong time for those of you who write, sell, market, teach and act.

**TOP Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Trust your money-making ideas during the next week. In fact, you also are giving a lot of thought to your values in life. What really matters?

 **Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
This is a fortunate time for you while the Sun is in your sign, because people and favorable situations are attracted to you. Make the most of this!

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
This week is a good time to buy wardrobe goodies for yourself because you like what you see in the mirror. You also want to socialize more, even though you are working behind the scenes.

 **Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Talk to a friend about your future plans because he or she might have helpful suggestions for you. In fact, all your interactions with others will benefit you now.

**♊ Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
TBecause you look so good in the eyes of bosses, parents and VIPs, don't hesitate to ask for what you want. Make your pitch. This is your hour!

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Travel will be a rewarding experience for you now, because you want to learn something and expand your experience of life. Take a course or further training, if possible.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 20 - March 20  
Your interactions with others, especially with friends and groups, will be active now, perhaps physically. You will do well in competition with physical sports!

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2	8	7	6	5	3	9	1	4
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